

PRACTICE ABSTRACT #10

How local government officials can overcome barriers to support farmers for resilient city-region food systems: key insights from FoodCLIC Living Labs

As a result of an extensive local food system analysis conducted in eight EU city-regions in the framework of the [FoodCLIC project](#), actionable pathways were defined, to show **how food system actors, such as farmers, can be supported by local government officials**:

- **Rethinking urban planning frameworks to accommodate local food system logistics** can significantly optimise the layout of farmers' street markets, community-supported agriculture pick-up points, and urban gardens.
- **Encouraging young people to pursue careers in farming** should be a focal point of agricultural-related policies. Aarhus, for instance, aims to get young people interested in agriculture by showing young farmers' everyday life on Instagram ([@derforlandmand](#)). In Barcelona '[Banc de Terres](#)' helps to transfer abandoned land to interested residents, prioritising young farmers.
- **To promote regional produce, food origin transparency, and short food supply chains** in city-region food systems, it is necessary to include benchmarks for regional products in public food tenders, incentivize agricultural cooperatives, local consumption through farmers' markets and CSA, and through online platforms that connect local producers with consumers. Examples: Brasov's 'Flywheel Markets'; Budapest's Freely accessible web-based registry of (food produced by) small-scale farmers; '[Mellemfolk Cafe](#)' (Denmark) sets up events, raising awareness on the local agricultural landscape, while also organising a distribution point for farmers' products. These initiatives serve as incentives for residents to buy locally, support farmers and eat healthily.

Find more actionable pathways in FoodCLIC's "Report on food-related policies and planning frameworks in the eight city-regions".

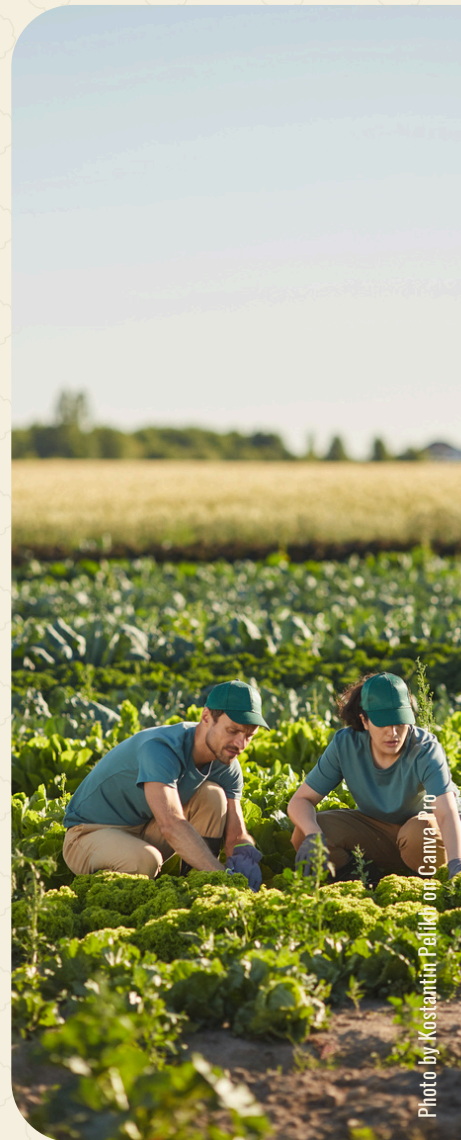


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